

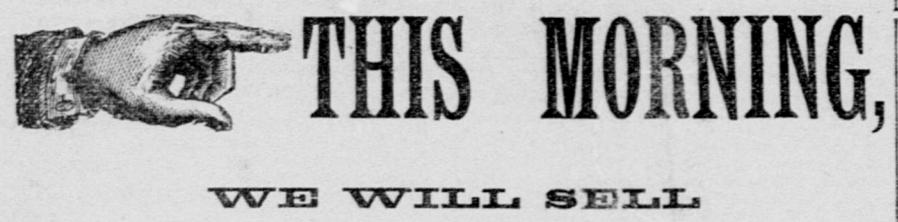
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TO-DAYS LEADING NEWS TOPICS.

A sheep was captured in New York bay yesterday by a drunken Captain and nearly thirty persons were drowned.

Queen Kapiolani arrived in New York yesterday and will leave for the Pacific coast in a day or two.

England has extended the time for Turkey to sign the Egyptian convention two days.

It is said that all the war vessels on this coast have been ordered put in readiness for service in view of the Hawaiian difficulty.

The lynching of the Colusa murderer, Hong Di, is generally approved in that and neighboring counties.

THE CASE OF HONG DI REVIEWED.

It is inconceivable how any intelligence can find excuse for the monstrous outrage a sworn juror in the Hong Di case attempted upon society in demanding that the murderous wretch be set at liberty.

Acquittal in the case would have amounted to a declaration that the defendant was justified in the attempt he made to massacre an entire family.

The case is one not at all involved; indeed a plainer one could not well be stated.

A servant coming of a race which holds human life lightly conceived the idea, for some possible, but more likely fancied grievance, of murdering the family that had for many years afforded him employment entirely to his satisfaction, as he constantly reiterated. In the absence of the head of the household, he suddenly made an assault, with a weapon triple loaded, upon the family as it sat at the evening meal. The first shot brought down the hired man, wounded; the second killed the matron of the family—a woman far past middle life, and who had been the benefactress of the murderer. A third shot narrowly missed one of the young daughters of the mother; then already dead. The door being barricaded, after chasing one of the girls about the building to shelter, the murderer seized an ax and attempted to batter it down. Evidently fearing the approach of neighbors after so much shooting, the wretch fled, and for two weeks was in hiding and hunted by the outraged community like a wild beast; than which he was little more.

The murderer occurred at a farm-house in a sparsely-settled section, where there is practically none of the protection afforded the family which is the safeguard of the home in towns and cities. No wonder that the country people were aroused, and that they hunted the wretch with almost frenzied energy. Had they manifested less spirit or feeling they would have deserved the execution of men and the loathing of women. The murderer was finally captured. Probably that was an outrage, if we are to accept certain views projected in print since the culmination of the lynching tragedy. It was nothing that a woman had been killed without cause or provocation, her children murderedously assaulted and their male protector shot down. The Chinaman was "hounded," it is said, by hot-headed pursters, for whom heated indignation there was, of course, nothing provocative, and who should have so calmly ordered themselves as to have awaited the good pleasure of Hong Di.

When the author of the attempted wholesale massacre was arrested, he suffered no harm. He was jailed at Oroville without any threat from the outraged community in that section. He had the personal advice and counsel of so shrewd a man as the Consul in California of the Chinese who afforded him the benefit of the diplomatics of the consulate to "work up" the case, and these experts were actually engaged for a week previous to the arrest in searching the country for facts bearing upon the case. Their labors appear to have been in vain and nothing developed upon which to hinge the shadow of a defense for the assassin. While in jail before his removal to Colusa, which one interfered with, he added new infamy to his crime by foully and in writing slandering the dead and blackening her character with the darkest stain that can attach to womanhood; and yet with the strongest of Oriental inconsistency, protesting that "Mrs. Billow was a good woman." The cunning of the Mongol was exemplified by this declaration; however, since he knew that his unsupported word would count for nothing against the life-long reputation of the pure woman, whose uprightness and virtue were shining examples in her community. Hence it was that while he charged her with moral degeneracy and the foulest of infamies, in the same breath he declared she was a good woman.

He was brought to trial after a reasonable lapse of time—nearly two months. The only living witness to his deed faced him and detailed the story of his crime. They were witnesses whose testimony no man assails. The defendant took the stand, and his sole defense was that the hired man, having threatened to kill him—of which sworn denial was made—he determined to prevent that possibility by shooting him from ambush. Having done so, he poked open the door with his gun, and it was accidentally discharged and killed Mrs. Billow. He accounted for the third shot by saying it was intended for the wounded man; and as for battering in the door, he gave the singular excuse that, as the man was still alive, and he had determined to kill him, he sought to finish the job.

The defendant was tried before a com-

petent Court; he had all opportunities to call witnesses and all the processes of the law and the power of the State to compel attendance; his consular advisor knew precisely what steps to take to present his defense and secure him all possible defenses, if he had any. His own statements show that he contemplated the murder of the hired man, but physical facts utterly disproved the story of the accidental shooting of the woman. Holding the gun as he illustrated, it was simply impossible for the shot to have reached the woman where it brought her to death.

Under such a showing a Joror interrupted the course of justice by declining the murderer innocent, and forced eleven jurors a little less weak to compromise on a verdict of guilty with the penalty of imprisonment. It is inconceivable, if the juror believed the defendant guiltless, how he honestly came to confess him a murderer thereafter on a compromise verdict, and still more astounding, that the mischievous done, he should concede that he was wrong.

As the RECORD-UNION yesterday said, the mob that hanged Hong Di cannot be excused. Its offense has added to the catalogue of shames that tarnish the record of the State. It took life illegally, barbarously, that should have been foisted to the law by a jury with backbone of conviction of duty. The one and only relief to its outrage is the fact that it hanged one deserving of it. The death penalty in such a case fits the criminal. To temper such a crime as his with the merciful "chances" attaching to imprisonment, is to excuse his offense. But so far as the pursuit and trial of Hong Di were concerned, the facts demand that no misconceptions shall be formed upon the basis of hysterical ejaculations, that have been made, that the defendant was not given a fair trial. On the contrary, it has developed that his trial was so free from any element of unfairness that, though confessedly guilty, that, though admitting killing by inadvertence while murmurously trying to kill another, and thus at least committing a homicide of some degree, he actually found a juror who voted him to be innocent, and a jury that saved his neck from the lawful hangman.

The Colusa mob after the trial outraged the law and shamed the State by its criminal proceedings; but that the Colusa community did not afford the assassin a fair trial; that it denied him or his consular adviser any right, or forced the latter to abandon the wretch; that the Court robbed him of any privilege; that he was rushed to trial and railroaded to judgment, is not true. Any utterances of that character are born either of incapacity to conceive justly, of moral obliquity, or the jaundiced conception of a diseased or brain-damaged. Murderers have been very leniently treated in California, and "precious few" have met their just deserts. It is because of the many previous delays of the law; of miscarriages of justice without number; of technical trifling and wearisome postponements; of legal escapes through the meshes of Court proceedings and the favoring of criminals, that such assassins as Hong Di, and Ang Tai Duck, Pete Olsen and Simon Rate, have been encouraged, and such blistering shames as the Colusa lynching have been invited.

A QUESTION OF WATER.

The Oakland water supply is very impure. Whoever reads the Oakland news budgets in the San Francisco press must be convinced of this truth. From the local papers he will not glean so much information on the subject, though the extent of complaint even there finds expression occasionally. But we have it from reliable sources outside of these that the city supply of water at Oakland is exceedingly repulsive in its offensiveness. There does not appear to be any source nearer than the foothills or the Sierra Nevada range from which Oakland can procure good water by gravitation. There may be beneath the soil near that city an everlasting supply of pure water, but only seldom are cities furnished by lifting it from such sources. One resident of Oakland, whose statements are reliable, if a reputation for truth goes for anything, tells us that the filthiness of the water there is something terrible in its menace to health and its offense to the senses of smell and taste.

Oakland's domestic affairs do not of necessity concern us, but the water question there suggests that so large and pretentious a city as that ought to be able to organize an effort, in connection with other communities, for the bringing of pure, clear water from the eternal supplies of the mountains. Here are sources inexhaustible from which water can be carried by pipe lines, not exceeding 150 miles in length, across the great valley and to the sea, at an expense that scarcely anywhere else would be considered as any sort of an obstacle. There is water enough in the central region that the imagination can scarcely over-estimate. Sacramento needs clear pure water—from whatever source matters not, and by whatever agency we care not, so long as the city can get it at its gates pure, clear and level with the demands of health, carriage by pipe lines, taste and cleanliness.

Unfortunately there is no scheme on foot with intent of furnishing the valley town with plenty of good, clear water under strong pressure. Would that there were; would that capital and self-interests were so wedded and directed as to get up and push to consummation some scheme of the kind. Certainly the people would hold the whip-hand, as they could buy the water or not, and therefore no one could be harmed by the men who might assault him with clear, pure water for the stomach's sake, and sufficient pipe pressure for motive power. The only fear is that we will have to wait year after year, yet these many years before some beneficent conspiracy develops to do the valley cities the inestimable good of bringing to them pure, clear water. But if Oakland, Stockton, Sacramento and intermediate towns would put their heads together on this subject, something might be accomplished before the adult generation of to-day has forever passed away.

The defendant was tried before a com-

MINERAL LANDS.

TESTIMONY IN THE CASE AGAINST TOWLE BROS. ET AL.

Further Hearing Yesterday Before the Court Examiner—A Full Synopsis of the Evidence.

[SPECIAL DISPATCH TO THE RECORD-UNION.]

the C. P. R. R. Company. The reason that these mineral applications were not received and filed with the Sacramento office was because at that time that office had no official notice of the issuance of the patent to the railroad company. Had the patent been noted these applications would not have been received and the time to expect a reply applying for land that had already been patented. The Golden Bull is the only mine on the Sacramento mineral tract that extends into section 7.

General R. L. Hammond, Jr., United States Surveyor General of California, was the next witness. He said the township containing section 7, the land in dispute, was surveyed by E. Freeman in 1866, and approved October 24th of that year.

Joshua Norris, who was upon the witness stand at the close of the session on Saturday, resumed giving his testimony. He said he worked on the Shewan mine at Lowell Hill in 1869. At that time the tunnel was in 600 feet, was seven feet in height and seven feet wide. Worked there for two years. The mine was at that time well developed, and contained a well-defined gravel deposit. This work was being done on section 12. He also worked in the Golden Bull tunnel on section 12 seven or eight years ago. The shafts to the Golden Bull tunnel is on section 7. The last time was employed in Golden Bull was in 1880. During the two years he worked in the Lowell Hill mine he assisted in the construction of the tunnel. The tunnel was not very deep, but the drifts, which extended south some 75 feet. He said the gravel deposit extended in a northeasterly and southeasterly direction. He did not go to the west or north. He gave a minute description of the mine, and said he did not know the value of the improvements.

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